

13.—Weighted Index Numbers of Mining Stocks, by Months, 1929-1930.

(1926=100.)

Year and Month.	Types and Numbers of Stocks.			
	Gold.	Gold-Copper.	Silver and Miscellaneous.	Total.
	11	2	4	17
1929.				
January.....	85.4	334.7	80.0	125.7
February.....	84.4	323.6	85.3	123.7
March.....	84.7	301.4	82.5	120.3
April.....	82.9	267.2	75.4	112.7
May.....	77.4	272.4	72.7	108.9
June.....	72.1	267.5	69.8	103.9
July.....	73.2	298.2	69.4	109.6
August.....	74.1	325.9	70.5	114.8
September.....	63.6	317.0	65.3	104.8
October.....	59.3	247.8	59.8	90.1
November.....	54.2	185.0	55.0	75.7
December.....	54.3	178.1	51.3	74.5
1930.				
January.....	57.4	191.4	49.6	73.9
February.....	62.9	209.3	50.1	86.1
March.....	62.5	206.3	47.8	85.2
April.....	63.6	189.8	43.5	83.3
May.....	64.5	144.6	35.8	76.3
June.....	64.3	126.3	32.2	73.1
July.....	61.3	115.3	28.1	68.7
August.....	61.2	111.6	29.4	68.0
September.....	62.6	108.4	28.5	68.7
October.....	59.7	76.2	25.1	61.3
November.....	56.9	83.3	28.3	60.5
December.....	57.8	69.1	30.0	59.2

Section 4.—Prices of Services.

A study of the prices of services sheds considerable light on the cost of living as such services are a considerable item in the average family budget. Information with regard to the trend of street car fares, of rates for manufactured and natural fuel gas, of domestic electric light rates and of telephone charges was published on pp. 801-4 of the 1927-28 Year Book. Later information shows that the prices of manufactured fuel gas have shown a downward tendency, the Dominion index number for 1929 being 97.6, as compared with 100.0 in 1926. The index number of the price of natural fuel gas also declined from 100.0 in 1926 to 92.3 in 1929. On the other hand, telephone rates have shown a distinct increase, the Dominion index number for domestic telephone rates having risen from 100.0 in 1926 to 107.2 in 1929. Again, the business telephone rate has risen from 100.0 in 1926 to 118.2 in 1929. Additional information and details by provinces will be found on pp. 202-12 of the Bureau of Statistics' Annual Report on Prices and Price Indexes, 1913-29.

Hospital Charges.—In view of discussions of the increased cost entailed by illness and hospital treatment, special investigations of hospital charges are now made annually and the results are given as Dominion averages in the following table. In general, this shows that hospital charges have increased approximately 90 p.c. since 1913, except for operating room charges, which have increased only about 60 p.c. At the same time, the cost of maintaining patients in hospitals has increased by about 110 p.c. Since the general cost of living in Canada has